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For: **METHODS FOR RAPIDLY IDENTIFYING SMALL ORGANIC MOLECULE  
LIGANDS FOR BINDING TO BIOLOGICAL TARGET MOLECULE**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The present Amendment and Response is filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and addresses the rejections raised in the Office Action mailed on July 2, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No. 9).

Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims

Claims 1-39 (Previously canceled)

Claim 40 (Currently amended) A method ~~for identifying a non-oligomeric ligand that binds to a target protein wherein said ligand is less than about 2000 daltons in size, said method comprising:~~

a) obtaining said a target protein comprising a -SH group, masked -SH group, or activated -SH group;

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